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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | 0003/01269 |
| First Inventor | John N. Hryni |
| Title | IMPROVED ELECTRODIALYSIS WITH BUFFER SOLUTION |
| Express Mail Label No. | ER 605188088 US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 18]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 2]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. Paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Copies of IDS
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35
or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

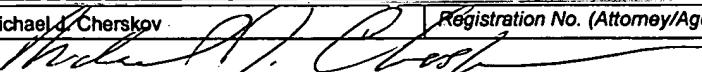
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 385.00)

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| Application Number | |
| Filing Date | April 15, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Hryn, et al. |
| Examiner Name | |
| Art Unit | |
| Attorney Docket No. | 0003-01269 |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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|--------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------|
| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | 385 | | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | | | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | | | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | | | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | | | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$ 385.00) | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|----|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Total Claims | 20 | -20** = 0 | x 9 | = 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | - 3** = 0 | x 43 | = 0 |
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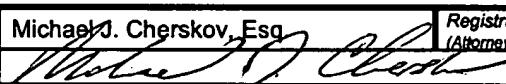
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | | | |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | | | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | | | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | | | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | | | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | | | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | | | |
| 1252 420 | 2252 210 | Extension for reply within second month | | | |
| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | | | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | | | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | | | |
| 1401 330 | 2401 165 | Notice of Appeal | | | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | | | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | | | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | | | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | | | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | | | |
| 1501 1,330 | 2501 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | | | |
| 1502 480 | 2502 240 | Design issue fee | | | |
| 1503 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | | | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | | | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | | | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | | | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | | | |
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| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | | | |
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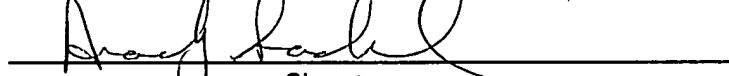
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Dear Sir or Madam:

We enclose herewith the patent application of Hryn, et al., entitled "IMPROVED ELECTRODIALYSIS OPERATION WITH BUFFER SOLUTION" (Attorney Docket # 0003/01269) comprising an 18-page specification, 20 claims, and three sheets of drawing. Enclosed is check number 3650 for \$385.00, an executed Assignment and Declaration, and a return-receipt postcard.

There are three inventors in this application. Their names, places of residence, and citizenships are as follows:

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35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**

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| First Named Inventor | John N. Hrynn |
| Title | IMPROVED ELECTRODIALYSIS OPERATION WITH BUFFER SOLUTION |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0003/01269 |

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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Date

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If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications eighteen months after filing, the applicant **must** notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. **Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).**

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